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FM AMEMBASSY KUWAIT

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INFO AMEMBASSY ABU DHABI

AMEMBASSY AMMAN

USINT BAGHDAD

AMEMBASSY CAIRO

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AMEMBASSY DOHA

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SUBJECT: RELATIVE CALM PREVAILS ALONG KUWAIT/IRAQI BORDER

REF KUWAIT 4373

1. BRITISH AMBASSADOR CALLED ON ME SEPT. 22 TO INFORM ABOUT HIS RECENT DISCUSSION WITH MINISTER OF INTERIOR AND DEFENSE SHAIKH SAAD AL ABDULLA AL SABAH CONCERNING KUWAIT-IRAQ BORDER PROBLEM. SHAIKH SAAD CONFIRMED THAT ONLY HANDFUL OF IRAQI TROOPS HAD PENETRATED KUWAIT TERRITORY AT TWO RATHER THAN THREE POINTS (REFTEL) AND HAD SET UP TENTS EITHER NEXT TO OR BEYOND KUWAITI BORDER POLICE POSTS. IN ONE CASE KUWAITIS HAVE SET UP THIER OWN TENTS BETWEEN IRAQI TENTS AND BORDER, BUT ARE MAKING NO EFFORT TO IMPEDE IRAQI ACCESS. THERE
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APPARENTLY HAS BEEN NO IRAQI ATTEMPT AT FURTHER PENETRATION.

BRITISH AMBASSADOR INDICATED THAT MINISTER DID NOT SEEM TO BE
OVERLY CONCERNED ABOUT SITUATION.

2. COMMENT: THIS CURRENT INCIDENT SEEMS TO FIT PATTERN OF
PAST MOVEMENTS ALONG KUWAIT/IRAQI BORDER, PARTICULARLY TAHT SECTION
IN GENERAL VICINITY OF UMM QASR, IRAQI BORDER. GOK HAS
RESTRICTED PRESS COMMENTARY ON THIS SITUATION AFTER INITIAL ACTIVE
ATTENTION GIVEN TO IT HERE FOLLOWING AGENCE FRANCE PRESSE REPORT.
HOWEVER, ONE KUWAITI NEWSPAER DID REPORT ON SEPT. 22 YAR'S HAMDI
MESSAGES TO BAGHDAD AND TO AMIR CALL ON THEM TO
KEEP SITUATION UNDER CONTROL AND SUGGESTING THAT SAUDIS BE
ASKED TO MEDIATE.
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